

**SLIDER WITH A SLIDER GROUND PAD ELECTRICALLY CONNECTED TO WRITE**

**HEAD POLES AND READ HEAD SHIELDS**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

[0050] According to an aspect of the present invention, there is provided a slider for a disk drive. The slider includes a slider body including a slider body outer surface. The slider further includes an inductive write head including main and return poles. The slider further includes a slider ground pad disposed at the slider body outer surface. The slider ground pad is disposed in electrical communication with the main and return poles for electrically grounding the main and return poles.